

Statement, by caste, of acting hands in the Registration Department.

224. *MR. THARIATHU KIJITHOMMEN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the acting hands in the Registration Department?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: The *statement is laid on the table.

Mr. Ranga Aiyar, Division Inspector, Muvattupuzha.

225. *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many years it is since Mr. Ranga Aiyar, Division Inspector, was posted at Muvattupuzha; and

(b) whether the authorities have made any enquiry regarding the statements made at the last Budget Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly by Mr. K. A. Narayana Pillai, Member for Thodupuzha, in regard to the said Division Inspector and his office?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) Three years (on 15-11-1112).

(b) Yes.

Director of Ayurveda.

226. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the period during which there has been no Director for the Department of Ayurveda;

(b) the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken by Government towards the appointment of a Director of Ayurveda?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) From 27-2-1104.

(b) At the time when the vacancy arose there was no properly qualified person to fill the place and so, as an experimental measure, the department was bifurcated into two and was placed under the Principal, Ayurveda College and the Inspector of Ayurveda who were independent of each other.

(c) Government propose shortly to reorganise the department when the appointment of a Director will be considered.

The Sugar Factory at Thuckalay.

227. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been entered into between the Government and Messrs. Parry and Co., regarding the Sugar Factory at Thuckalay;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of such agreement; and

(c) the step taken by Government before they entered into an agreement with Messrs. Parry and Co., with regard to the Sugar Factory at Thuckalay?

* *Vide Appendix III.*

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the agreement with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Ltd. is placed on the Secretary's table.

(c) At the request of the Board of Directors of the Travancore Sugars, Ltd., the Government took over possession of the Sugar Factory at Thuckalay from the contractors of the Company, Messrs. N. S. T. Chari and M. K. Srinivasan, after cancellation of their contract with the Company. The Government conducted the factory for some time before the Company was brought into liquidation by a resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Company held on the 5th June 1937. Government then started negotiations with Sir William Wright, Kt. O. B. E. of Messrs. Parry & Co., Ltd., Madras, for taking up the management of the Factory by them by floating a new Company. The new Company has been registered under the name of "The Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Ltd."

Agreement relating to the Sugar Factory at Thuckalay.

228. *MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Town*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the agreement relating to the Sugar Factory at Thuckalay, between them and the new Company that has purchased the factory?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The member is referred to the answer furnished to part (b) of interpellation No. 227 [143] by Mr. Puliyoor T. P. Velayudhan Pillai.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the Travancore Sugars have at any time tendered for the contract to manufacture and supply arrack?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then may I know how the member will explain the statement in the annual report for 1933 to 1934 issued by the Managing Agents by order of the Board of Directors on which the Head Sirkar Vakil, the Chief Account Officer and the Director of Industries were the members? The statement is as follows:—

"The company has to record here its regret that their tender to the Excise Commissioner to manufacture and supply arrack proved unsuccessful."

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That was only the request of the company asking Government to purchase the molasses.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then may I know whether the statement which was issued under the authority of three Government Officers was wrong?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I have no information, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Will the member try to find out the truth of it?

Admission to the Engineering College, Madras.

229. *MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of students selected this year by